The NMCC in consultation with the Ministry of Textiles would work out the details of the composition of Task Force to ensure that it is effective.

(ix) A small group is to be formed to look at the implication of recent macro economic policy developments including recent rupee appreciation on the competitiveness of the Indian Textile industry and suitable measures to be taken to mitigate the situation expeditiously.

FDI in textiles

1825. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FDI is to flow into textiles in India;

(b) if so, the expected FDI from each country into textiles;

(c) whether FIIs are also keen in investing in home textile firms; and

(d) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the latest data available from Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the total cumulative inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from various countries into the textiles sector during the Tenth Plan period (from April 2002 to March, 2007) was Rs.1473.23 crore., This accounts for 1.24 percentage share in the total cumulative inflow of FDI in the country, which stood at Rs.118562.09 crore during the same period.

(c) and (d) To hike the advantage of the growing Indian Capital Market, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) are investing in the economy. At present, the Indian Capital Market is buoyant with a strong regulatory framework conducive to attract larger long term FII participation.

National silkworm seed regulatory authority

1826. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a National Silkworm Seed Regulatory Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its responsibilities and powers;

(c) whether Government also propose to give due weightage to silk producing States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, As per the provisions of Central Silk Board (Amendment) Act, 2006, Central Silkworm Seed Committee has been constituted *vide* Notification dated 10.8.2007. The Committee shall be responsible for–

(i) laying down of quality standards for kind or variety of silk-worm seed;

(ii) authorization of silk-worm races and hybrids for commercial exploitation;

(iii) laying down of quality standards for production of silk-worm seeds;

(iv) laying down the conditions and requirements that have to be met out by the persons desirous of setting up of facilities for production of silk-worm seeds of grainage;

(v) laying down the certification and silk-worm seed testing procedures for seeds sold by the registered producers;

(vi) undertaking the registration of silk-worm seed producers and dealers and controlling, supervising the inspection process to ensure adherence to the specified quality standards and seed certification requirements;

(vii) laying down the conditions and standards for export and import of silk-worm seed and adherence to them;

(viii) programming and planning of silk-worm seed production;

(ix) advising the Central Government and the State Governments on the matters aforesaid; and

(x) such other matters connected and incidental to the production, supply, distribution, trade and commerce in silk-worm seed, as may be specified by regulations made by the Committee from time to time.

(c) and (d) The Government of India gives due weightage to all silk producing States by providing funds through schemes such as Catalytic Development Programme which is being implemented since Eleventh Plan onwards and to be continued in Eleventh Plan with an objective of dissemination and promotion of new technologies developed by research institutes and development of sericulture through facilitating linkages amongst stake holders and strengthening the supply chain for silk production.

Textile exporters hit by rupee appreciation

1827. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile exporters, who have been hit by recent rupee appreciation, requested Government for reimbursement of State and local level duties;

(b) if so, the details of representation so made; and

(c) what decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Government has received representations from